



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Dyslexia is a language-based disorder affecting 15 to 20 percent of the American population according to the International Dyslexia Association (IDA). IDA is dedicated to the research and treatment of dyslexia and the promotion of a universal awareness and understanding of the problems associated with dyslexia; and

**WHEREAS,** Dyslexia, which comes from the Greek, meaning “difficulty with words,” constitutes one of several distinct yet related learning disabilities and is characterized by language processing problems when decoding oral and written words or translating thought to language. This disorder deeply affects a person’s ability to read, write, spell, and comprehend and may also cause problems in sequencing with numbers, letters, or instructions, differentiating between left and right handedness, and confusing concepts of space and time. It may also affect a person’s emotional interactions and wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS,** With proper, diagnosis, appropriate instructions, hard work, and support from families, teachers, and friends, individuals with dyslexia can excel in school and/or employment. Children with dyslexia usually can succeed at the same level as their peers once they are diagnosed and begin receiving extra training at home and at school. Adults with dyslexia can improve their skills with programs utilizing multisensory structured language techniques that help them learn to read, process, and express information more effectively; and

**WHEREAS,** In an effort to assist parents, educators, and individuals with dyslexia or related learning disabilities, the International Dyslexia Association is designating October as Dyslexia Awareness Month nationwide. I encourage all Louisianans to offer support to those affected by dyslexia and related learning disorders and to recognize the dedicated efforts of those who are working to raise awareness and understanding and to identify, treat, and prevent problems associated with dyslexia. Their success is Louisiana’s success.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2005, as

**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

in Louisiana, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.



Attest By  
The Governor

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 19th day of August  
A.D., 2005.*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana